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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED TODAY
(JUNE 3) FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DAMASCUS
INTERNATIONAL FAIR OFFICIALLY INVITING THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1974 FAIR:

2. "REFERENCE TO THE TALKS OF THIS MORNING IN THE
OFFICE OF HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MOHAMED IMADI, MINISTER
OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE, WE WOULD DEEM IT A
PLEASURE TO SEE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PARTICIPATE
OFFICIALLY IN THE 21ST DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR, TAKING
PLACE FROM JULY 25 TO AUGUST 20, 1974. THIS PARTICIPATION
COULD BE EITHER SYMBOLIC OR BASED ON A DEFINITE THEME
SHOWING THE INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS IN THE
U.S. IF A LARGER EXHIBIT COULD BE ARRANGED A WIDER
PARTICIPATION WOULD TAKE PLACE. WE CAN PUT AT YOUR
DISPOSAL A COVERED AREA OF ABOUT 400 SQ METERS OR AN
OPEN AREA WILL BE EVENTUALLY ALLOCATE FORTY LARGER
PARTICIPATION.

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3. "IN THIS RESPECT, WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ABOUT 46 PRIVATE U.S. COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR PARTICIPATION THROUGH THEIR LOCAL AGENTS. IT COULD BE EVENTUALLY USEFUL TO TAKE THESE PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A COLLECTIVE OFFICIAL U.S. EXHIBIT.

4. "ON THIS OCCASION, WE MAY BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT A CULTURAL FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE WITHIN THE FRAME OF THE FAIR, IN WHICH MANY WORLD TROUPES PRESENT THEIR PROGRAMS. AN AMERICAN ARTISTIC OR CULTURAL TROUPE OF GOOD STANDING WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME TO PRESENT ITS PERFORMANCES WHETHER ON THE THEATRE OF THE FAIR OR IN ANOTHER SUITABLE PLACE.

5. "LOOKING FORWARD TO READING YOUR GOOD NEWS, WE AVAIL OURSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE EXPRESSION OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED, HAZEM HAFEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL,
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